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U.S. killer executed after 10 years

STARKE, Florida (R) — Convicted killer Robert Sullivan died in the electric chair Wednesday after spending 10 years on death row in Florida state prison. The execution was ordered only hours after 36-year-old Sullivan failed in his final court appeal for clemency and two days after a personal plea on his behalf by Pope John Paul. Witnesses said Sullivan's last words before the high voltage charge was applied were: "I hold malice to none and may God bless you." He was convicted in 1973 of murdering a restaurant worker by bludgeoning him with a metal bar and then shooting him four times in the head with a shotgun. He first confessed to the crime, but then recanted and began a series of appeals which took his case three times to the supreme court.

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King visits army headquarters

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday called at the Armed Forces Headquarters in Amman and met with the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and senior army officers. They discussed subjects of concern to the Jordanian Armed Forces, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Sharaf presents credentials in Denmark

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's Ambassador to West Germany Sharif Fawaz Sharaf Tuesday presented his credentials as the Kingdom's non-resident ambassador to Denmark to Queen Margaret II in a ceremony held in Copenhagen.

Cypriot envoy leaves

AMMAN (J.T.) — Cypriot Minister of Commerce and Industry George Andreou left Amman Tuesday after a two-day visit to Jordan during which he met with Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi to whom he delivered a message addressed to His Majesty King Hussein from Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. Mr. Andreou later arrived in Baghdad and on Wednesday delivered a similar message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Assad seen in public

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad Wednesday made his first public appearance in over two weeks when he inspected a newly-inaugurated bridge, Syria's official news agency SANA said. The bridge was due to be inaugurated by Mr. Assad himself on Nov. 16, marking the 13th anniversary of his coming to power in a bloodless coup, but he was hospitalized a few days earlier.

U.S. foreign affairs chairman hospitalized

WASHINGTON (R) — Clement Zablocki, chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, suffered a heart attack Wednesday and is in critical condition, his office said. Mr. Zablocki, a member of Congress for 35 years, was taken to Capitol Hill Hospital after collapsing in his office Wednesday morning.

Seat belt usage becomes mandatory

AMMAN (J.T.) — The new traffic law, enforcing the use of safety belts, will be implemented beginning from today, Thursday, Dec. 1, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra said Wednesday. Under this law all drivers and front-seat passengers must wear their seat belts and all those who fail to do so will be fined JD 5 to JD 15.

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Fighting flares as Arafat asks for observers

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Fighting broke out Wednesday between supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Syrian-backed rebels, while Mr. Arafat himself was reported to have demanded foreign observers to supervise a disengagement plan.

Amid the rattle of small-arms fire, heavy-calibre shells crashed around the front line on the eastern outskirts of this northern Lebanese city in late afternoon. It was not immediately clear which factions were involved in the exchange.

Since the major battles between Arafat loyalists and the rebels died down last week, local allies of both sides have borne the brunt of the skirmishing.

Sources on a peace team trying to disengage the rival Palestinian factions said Mr. Arafat was demanding international observers to oversee the plan as well as guarantees for the safety of departing fighters.

Mr. Arafat put his request to the peace team, which had given him details of the disengagement plan worked out by former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami, Tripoli's elder political statesman, the sources said.

The sources said Mr. Arafat was calling for Saudi Arabian officers, as well as observers from the United Nations or the 21-member Arab League, to supervise the disengagement.

He also sought clarification on what guarantees could be provided for any of his fighters who leave Tripoli by sea. The city is surrounded on land by Syrian forces and Mr. Arafat says it is blockaded at sea by the Israeli navy.

Mr. Karami's disengagement proposals are based on a joint Saudi-Syrian peace plan announced last Friday. It calls for a permanent ceasefire, withdrawal

of Palestinian fighters from the city and its environs, and solving the split in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) through dialogue.

Mr. Arafat has repeatedly said he wants an "Arab force" to supervise the plan, saying he fears a massacre of his supporters by the Syrian-backed rebels. But Mr. Karami has ruled out an Arab force, saying any supervisory body would comprise local Lebanese factions and dead-enders.

Envoys of Mr. Karami, who is currently in Damascus, also gave details of the plan to Palestinian rebel chief Colonel Saad Musa (Abu Musa), the sources said.

In Damascus, Syria's official daily Tishrin said Wednesday Mr. Arafat would face "dire consequences" if he continued an anti-Syrian campaign and attempts to undermine the Tripoli ceasefire agreement.

"Arafat's continuing attempts at sabotaging the Saudi-Syrian agreement... as well as his ongoing attacks on Syria are serious steps which will have dire consequences on Arafat and his clique," the paper said.

Syria and Saudi Arabia last week engineered an agreement to end fighting in Tripoli between Palestinian forces and against Mr. Arafat.

"Syria will not remain indifferent to such unjust and malicious campaigns... Syria's restraint in using its long reach and strong fist will fade if Arafat continues to conspire his group in slandering Syria," Tishrin said.

Shelling closes Beirut airport

BEIRUT (R) — Shells crashed on to Beirut airport's runway Tuesday forcing it to close in a new sign that Lebanon's fragile peace is falling apart.

Six heavy shells hit the airfield at dawn near the headquarters of the 1,500 U.S. Marines in the Beirut peace force. Marine spokesman Dennis Brooks said.

"There were no casualties, and these particular rounds did not endanger Marines," Major Brooks said.

But the government considered it serious enough to suspend flights. Fifteen shells landed in the airport area Tuesday night, but the airport remained open.

Flights were suspended briefly during bombardment on Nov. 7. The airport terminal was almost deserted Wednesday, and airport officials said there were no planes on the tarmac.

Maj. Brooks said Wednesday's shells came from the southeast, but he did not say who fired them.

Militiamen of the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) hold the mountainous region southeast of the airport.

The PSP said Tuesday it would retaliate forcefully if fired on.

It accused right-wing Christian forces of increasing their military activity and demanded that the Lebanese army withdraw its heavy weapons from residential districts.

Schools in east Beirut were closed Wednesday after the PSP warned parents there not to send their children to school.

Residents heard loud, steady booms southeast of Beirut, where security sources said the army was clashing with the PSP.

The army issued a statement Tuesday indicating it was losing patience with the bombardments that have become regular in spite of a Sept. 25 ceasefire that ended a month of heavy clashes.

Fahd raps U.S. support for Israel, backs PLO

BAHRAIN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia launched a thinly-veiled attack against the United States Wednesday for supporting Israel at the expense of the Palestinian people.

In a speech published by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the king described the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people but he did not specifically name PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"The Palestinian people are exposed to the ugliest manifestations of persecution and oppression by the Zionist entity, which is supported by a world superpower," the monarch said.

"That superpower was supposed to fulfil the aspirations of the less-developed countries by promoting justice and equality among nations in order to be consistent with the principles which, it

claims, are the basis of its international relations," King Fahd added, according to SPA.

The monarch's support for the PLO, without naming Mr. Arafat, reflected Saudi Arabia's desire to avoid taking sides in the inter-Palestinian dispute over Mr. Arafat's leadership. Gulf diplomats said.

In his speech, delivered indirectly to a committee on Palestinian rights, King Fahd said it was "most regrettable" that the United Nations had been unable to implement its own resolutions calling on Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territories.

"Such implementation could take the form of granting the Palestinian people the simplest right enjoyed by all the other people of the world, mainly the right to live in an independent state in their own homeland," the king stated.

Lambsdorff categorically denies corruption charges

BONN (R) — West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff Wednesday categorically denied charges of taking bribes from the giant Flick industrial concern.

The 56-year-old liberal minister told his cabinet colleagues: "I neither demanded, received, nor passed on a single mark."

Bonn's public prosecutor announced at a press conference Tuesday that charges would be brought against Mr. Lambsdorff on suspicion of taking payments from two Flick executives. This move, he said, could have influenced the minister in making tax concessions to the company.

Hans Friderichs, Mr. Lambsdorff's predecessor and now chief executive of West Germany's second biggest bank, the Dresdner, has been charged on the same count. He also denies wrongdoing.

Government spokesman Peter

Boenisch expressed anger over the timing of the prosecutor's press conference. He said Mr. Lambsdorff was informed of the charges to Brussels only 10 minutes before it began.

Right-wing Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss, rumoured to be planning to replace Mr. Lambsdorff in a bid to tip the three-party coalition towards the right, Wednesday pledged his loyalty to the minister.

He described press reports on Mr. Lambsdorff over the last few months as "a scandal of justice" and emphasised that he had overruled the minister over the affair. "One cannot expect more loyalty than that," he said.

Mr. Lambsdorff told the cabinet that throughout the two-year investigation of the so-called Flick affair, officials had spoken only about suspicions of "accepting favours."

U.S. may lift ban on cluster bombs to Israel

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States has indicated it is ready to resume sales to Israel of cluster bomb artillery shells if it receives guarantees that the shrapnel-spraying weapons will not be used against civilians.

A senior U.S. official said Tuesday as President Reagan announced new political and military ties with Israel that Washington was prepared to lift its suspension on sales, imposed in July last year after the shells were used in civilian areas of Lebanon in violation of a U.S.-Israeli agreement.

But new sales would depend on conclusion of an agreement containing "a definitive guarantee against violations," the official added.

Mr. Reagan said after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that the two countries would establish a joint political-military group to give priority attention to what he called increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East.

The president added that the United States and Israel were worried about the Soviet presence and arms buildup in Syria.

The new U.S.-Israeli ties were accompanied by U.S. agreement to lift some of the restrictions applied to aid to Israel and to take steps to bolster its economy.

Mr. Reagan and Mr. Shamir,

appearing outside the White House after the talks, reaffirmed their commitment to the May 17 accords under which Israel agreed to pull its troops out of Lebanon. Its implementation has been stalled by Syria's refusal to withdraw its forces.

The agreement is expected to be on the agenda when Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel has talks in Washington Thursday.

Mr. Reagan said the new joint political-military group, which would have its first semi-annual meeting in January, would examine ways to enhance co-operation between the two countries, such as carrying out combined planning, joint exercises and stockpiling of U.S. equipment in Israel.

"This group will give priority attention to the threat to our mutual interest posed by increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East," he said.

Mr. Shamir said the aim of the co-operation would be to deter threats to the region. He did not specifically mention the Soviet Union.

But at another point he called Syria "a major threat to peace in the area by occupying more than 60 per cent of Lebanon and by its massive concentration of Soviet arms and personnel on Syrian territory."

Gemayel flies to U.S.

PARIS (R) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel left for New York Wednesday following a brief stopover in Paris, officials said.

Mr. Gemayel arrived from Rome Tuesday night on his way to the United States for talks with President Reagan. He was seen off by a senior official of the French External Relations Ministry, but he had no political discussions during his brief stay.

Mr. Gemayel has said his meeting with Mr. Reagan was crucial, following stalled Lebanese reconciliation talks.

The reconciliation talks, in Geneva, stalled after five days earlier this month and were adjourned while Mr. Gemayel went on tour to seek new ways of persuading Israel to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

Since then he has consulted Saudi Arabia and France which, with Italy, the United States and Britain, provides troops for the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut.

The Lebanese president told Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti his optimism over the reconciliation talks was based on contacts he had with the Saudi and Syrian governments, but he added that the consultations with the

United States were crucial to produce results.

He arrives in Washington just after talks between President Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to an agreement last May for withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

The accord has not yet been ratified by Lebanon and many Lebanese politicians, especially Muslims and leftists, have expressed doubts over concessions they say it makes to Israel.

Mr. Gemayel left Italy without having obtained the firm assurances on Italy's determination to maintain its troops in the multinational force that he was seeking.

Political sources said Tuesday he received only partial satisfaction in a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi over how long the 2,200 Italian troops would stay.

Italy has expressed fears that it could get dragged into the conflict and the government has been pressed by both coalition partners and the Communist opposition to pull out before its neutrality is threatened.

UAE backs Trudeau initiative

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) supports Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's call for talks between the big five nuclear powers, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi said Wednesday.

He told reporters after talks between UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan and Mr. Trudeau that the UAE backed the call for talks between the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China on a new approach to arms control.

"Of course we support this move and we have been also seeking to defuse tension in various parts of the world," Mr. Nuaimi said.

The two leaders also discussed during a one-hour meeting the Middle East and Palestinian problems and other international issues, he added.

Mr. Trudeau arrived in Abu Dhabi earlier Wednesday for a 24-hour meeting at the start of a Gulf tour as part of his campaign to reduce international tension and involving more countries in arms reduction.

He was due to go to Dubai for talks with his heir-apparent and Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Maktoum Ibn Rashid Al Maktoum, and to return here later for a news conference.

New doubts raised over Andropov

MOSCOW (R) — A delay in announcing the regular winter session of the Soviet parliament has raised new doubts about the health of President Yuri Andropov, who has now been absent from public view for over three months.

Government officials said earlier this month that the Supreme Soviet would meet in the second half of December for its two-day sitting.

By tradition the session has always been announced a month in advance and the last possible date for keeping to this rule passed Tuesday.

"There has never been so much

Bomb thrown at Israelis in Nablus

TEL AVIV (R) — A petrol bomb was thrown at an Israeli patrol in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus Wednesday night as tension grew over rising numbers of Israeli settlers there. The army said the bomb caused no casualties and Israeli soldiers did not fire at a suspect who ran away because the street was crowded. Acting Defence Minister Moshe Dayan told a group of Israeli settlers staying at the tomb of the Biblical Patriarch Joseph in Nablus to leave Wednesday because they were breaking the law by being there at night. They moved in after an axe attack wounded a settler in Nablus market last Monday "to show the Arab inhabitants that we will not be frightened out of Nablus." About 500 settlers marched through Nablus Tuesday urging the government to increase the Jewish presence in the town, the largest on the West Bank, and demanding harsher penalties for Arabs convicted of throwing stones or other hostile acts.

Arar, Tarawneh brief Soviet press delegation

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation of Soviet journalists currently visiting Jordan Wednesday reviewed with the speakers of the Upper House of Parliament and National Consultative Council (NCC) various Middle East issues and the situation in the occupied Arab lands, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported.

The delegation, which arrived here Monday, first met with NCC speaker Suleiman Arar who outlined Jordan's firm policy towards the Palestine problem and the Palestinian people's rights, which he said constitutes the basis for the establishment of a just peace in the region, Petra said.

Mr. Arar also briefed the delegation on Israel's plans to evacuate Arab territory of its indigenous population and establish Jewish settlements, "Jordan," he said, "strives on the local, Arab and international levels to foil

these Israeli plans which are designed in the long run to Judaize Arab territory," the agency said.

The Soviet delegation later met Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh who praised the strong ties of friendship between Jordan and the Soviet Union, Petra said.

Mr. Tarawneh also spoke about Jordan's endeavours to strengthen the steadfastness of the Arab population in the occupied lands enabling them to confront and foil Israel's designs, the agency added.

Mr. Tarawneh explained to the Soviet journalists Jordan's parliamentary life and the formation of the Upper House of Parliament.

The delegation's meetings with Mr. Arar and Mr. Tarawneh were attended by Jordanian Journalists Association officials and the Soviet press attaché in Amman.

Settlers stage procession through West Bank town demanding more presence

TEL AVIV (R) — Some 500 settlers marched on the Arab West Bank city of Nablus Tuesday to urge the government to increase Jewish presence in the town, Israel Radio reported.

The procession would its way through the Arab market as soldiers and border police kept Arab residents away to avoid a clash, the radio reported.

"Our main aim is to create a Jewish presence in Nablus," settler leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger was quoted as saying.

He said other Jewish settlements, such as Kiryat Arba situated above Arab Hebron, had begun as illegal encampments which had eventually won the government approval.

"The settlers' determination will decide government policy in Nablus too," he said.

Israeli officials have already said they plan to build a Jewish township near Nablus, the largest Arab city in the West Bank.

A settler was wounded in an axe attack Monday, and a guard at Al Najah University was beaten by unidentified assailants Tuesday night.

Right-wing parliamentarian Hanan Porat said settlers should take over Joseph's Tomb, a religious site in the city where Jews are allowed under present Israeli regulations to pray only during the day.

Palestinians in the West Bank Tuesday staged protests to mark

the 30th anniversary of the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine into an Arab and Jewish state.

Students at Al Najah University went on strike, and the radio said troops fired into the air to disperse demonstrators.

Palestinian-run stores in Jerusalem and Ramallah did not open until midday, and flags of the banned Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) flew in Arab villages.

Meanwhile, an Israeli military court has sentenced two Palestinians to life imprisonment for the murder last year of a West Bank Village League leader, Israel Radio reported.

The court sentenced six other Palestinians involved in the attack on Ramallah Village League leader Yusuf Khatib to terms ranging from eight to 14 years, the radio said.

Israeli occupation authorities set up the Arab Village League in the West Bank two years ago in an attempt to create a moderate alternative to the PLO but it aroused the anger of many Palestinians and was condemned by Jordan.

Members of the league received arms from the Israelis to fend off assailants after several were attacked.

The radio said the eight Palestinians sentenced Tuesday had formed a guerrilla cell and had been involved in several other incidents on the West Bank.

Maltese police report major arms haul

VALLETTA (R) — Police said they uncovered the biggest arms cache, including submachineguns, sniper rifles and hand grenades, found on Malta in recent years during a raid on a warehouse near Valletta on Monday.

A police statement did not name the owner of the store at Qormi, about seven kilometres from Valletta.

But officials of the government opposition Nationalist (Christian Democrat) Party said police on Monday raided two warehouses used by the party following a search on Sunday of its headquarters at Pietra, four kilometres from Valletta.

The police statement, issued by the government information divi-

ision Tuesday night, said a number of people were helping police investigations, which were in an advanced stage. It gave no details.

Detonators, ammunition, tear gas, flares and powerful radio transmitters were also found in the Qormi store, it said.

Opposition and Nationalist Party leader Eddie Fenech Adami told a press conference on Sunday that more than 100 police had searched the headquarters thoroughly, with only himself and deputy party leader Guido de Marco allowed to be present.

In a statement issued on Monday night, police said they found a hiding place behind a wall, four shotguns, ammunition, wireless transmitting equipment, whips

bottles filled with sulphuric acid and a number of molotov cocktails in the raid on the headquarters.

The statement said Prime Minister Dom Mintoff, who has responsibility for police, gave permission for the raid.

Nationalist party officials said police took an empty box from one of the stores raided on Monday, while Mr. Fenech Adami said police took from the headquarters six aerials, which seemed to be normal car fittings, and audio visual equipment.

The Nationalist Party said it had filed a court application on Sunday seeking an appointed expert to assess damage to the headquarters during the raid.

MIDDLE EAST

Turkish Cypriot team to attend Dhaka confab

NICOSIA (R) — The Turkish Cypriot administration in northern Cyprus is sending a high level delegation to the Islamic foreign ministers conference opening in Bangladesh Thursday, a spokesman said.

Turkish Cypriot spokesman Oktay Oksuzoglu told Reuters by telephone the mission would probably be headed by Kenan Atakol, designated foreign affairs minister of the Turkish republic of north Cyprus, which declared its independence two weeks ago.

The delegation will have observer status, but the new state intends to apply for full membership of the Jeddah-based Organisation of the Islamic Conference, which groups 42 Muslim states, the spokesman said.

A senior Greek foreign ministry official visited Saudi Arabia last week and said his government would break off diplomatic relations with any country which recognised the Turkish Cypriot independence declaration.

The Greek Cypriot administration in the south is internationally recognised as the legitimate government of the island, divided since Turkish troops invaded in 1974.

So far only Ankara has recognised the Turkish Cypriot move, and initial reports from Bangladesh had followed suit were denied.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said in interview with Reuters before his Nov. 15 independence declaration that, after Turkey, he pinned his main hopes for support on Muslim states.

Meanwhile, Cypriot Minister of Communications and Works Christos Mavrellis arrived in Muscat early Wednesday with a message from President Spyros Kyprianou for Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the official Oman press agency said.

It said the message dealt with the unilateral declaration of independence by Turkish Cypriots on the divided island two weeks ago.

Greek Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Karlos Populias visited Saudi Arabia last week and officials there said he had conveyed a message saying his government would sever relations with any country recognising the self-proclaimed Turkish Cypriot republic.

Returned Israeli POWs arouse big controversy

JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli President Chaim Herzog has entered a public controversy over the hero's welcome given to six Israeli soldiers freed in last week's prisoner exchange with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The six, captured without a fight 14 months ago during Israel's invasion of Lebanon, were given a hero's welcome after they were released in exchange for 4,600 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners.

In a speech in northern Israel, Mr. Herzog, a former chief of military intelligence, criticised the soldiers' reception.

He said it was not for him to say whether they should be court-martialled, but he added: "The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) have set themselves certain standards of behaviour in the face of the enemy. I'm not convinced these standards were observed."

The six surrendered with two other soldiers who are still being held by the PLO. Israeli press reports said the eight were at an outpost near Bhamdoun, east of Beirut, and outnumbered the guerrillas who took them prisoner.

Former army chief Rafael Eitan havecharged that the way they were captured "brought shame on the state of Israel and on the IDF," and suggested that a military inquiry might decide to put them on trial for negligence.

Iraq concerned over state of POWs in Iran

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has expressed grave concern over what it termed "the inhuman treatment of Iraqi Prisoners of War (POWs) in Iran" and asked the Red Cross and other international bodies to exert efforts "to force Iran to abide by the Geneva convention on POWs."

The English daily "Baghdad Observer" said Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz made the appeal in talks Tuesday with Alexander Hay, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, who is on a visit to Baghdad. It was not known if Mr. Hay would also visit Iran.

The newspaper said Mr. Aziz stressed that Iraq was committed to observing the Geneva convention in its treatment of Iranian prisoners.

It also said Mr. Hay had expressed his satisfaction at Iraq's cooperation with his mission Iraq and for its "positive stand concerning POW issues."

Diplomats here estimate Iran has taken over 70,000 Iraqi prisoners since the Gulf war broke out in September 1980, 10 times the number of Iranian POWs in Iraq.

U.S.' RDF to have sea-based command

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. central command — formerly known as the Rapid Deployment Force — is to have a ship-based headquarters, the Defence Department has announced.

It said the 20-man headquarters unit would be based on the command ship of the navy's Middle East Force of between three and five ships stationed in the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.

Washington has been seeking a land-based headquarters for the central command in southwest Asia, but so far has not been accepted by any of the pro-U.S. governments in the region.

President Jimmy Carter established the Rapid Deployment Force as a quick reaction unit which could be rushed to friendly Middle Eastern countries to back them against Soviet-inspired aggression.

The Pentagon said the new command would act as a liaison with the friendly governments and help administer military aid programmes and joint military exercises.

U.S. forces regularly hold joint exercises with Egypt, Sudan, Oman and Somalia.

The new command will be headed by Marine Brig.-Gen. Ray Franklin, who will report to central command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

U.N. has central role in Mideast peacemaking

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said that the United Nations, and especially the Security Council, had a crucial role to play in Middle East peacemaking.

"I wish also to reaffirm my own determination to do everything in my power to advance this process and to promote the conditions for negotiation," he said at a meeting called to affirm support for the Palestinians.

U.N. renews mandate of Golan observer force

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The security Council has unanimously approved a six-month renewal of the mandate of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) separating the Israeli and Syrian armies on the Golan Heights.

The current mandate expires at the end of this month.

The 1,300-man U.N. force was established in 1974 and includes contingents from Austria, Canada, Finland and Poland.

The General Assembly's budgetary committee began consideration Tuesday of reports by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar on the financing of UNDOF and the U.N. Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL.

The report on UNDOF said that the force would cost more than \$2.9 million a month starting on Dec. 1 and that arrears on its special account were \$4.3 million. There was a further shortfall for UNDOF and the U.N. Emergency Force (UNEF) totalling \$59.6 million.

King Hassan receives UAE aide

RABAT (R) — King Hassan of Morocco has received Dr. Mansour Al-Oteiba, minister of petroleum and mineral resources of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Moroccan news agency MAP reported.


The agency said he delivered a message to the king from Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, president of the emirates, but gave no indication of its contents.

Last month Sheikh Zaid and Dr. Oteiba visited Algeria and Morocco.

2 Frenchmen die in crash

PARIS (R) — Two members of a French helicopter crew died and one was missing after their machine crashed into the sea off Lebanon afternoon, the French defence ministry announced Tuesday night.

Rescue operations to find the third man off the Beirut coast were still under way overnight.



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Book market slated for university

AMMAN (Petra) — The Department of Culture and Arts will open a "book market" at the University of Jordan Saturday.

The six-day market is designed to display Jordanian books to be sold at nominal prices to encourage reading, according to a department spokesman Wednesday.

He said that the department has decided to extend a book exhibition held in Zarqa because the books sold there, also at low prices, have attracted thousands of visitors.

Book markets will be held in other parts of the country after the success of the Zarqa experiment, he said.

According to the spokesman, the department is organising at the Soviet Cultural Centre in Amman Tuesday a five-day exhibition of art by Zuhriyeh Zaqtan.

On display will be examples of embroidery, national costume and traditional Palestinian dresses.

Olive growing talks begin

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Agriculture is taking part in a symposium on olive growing which started Wednesday in the Algerian capital and runs until December 15.

The symposium will discuss problems facing olive growers and the optional ways for solving them.

The ministry representative at the symposium is Wala Agricultural Station Director Abdul Hamid Al Bashabshi who left Wednesday for Algiers.

Taking part in the symposium are representatives from countries in the Mediterranean region.

Obeidat meets German criminal research chief

AMMAN (Petra) — Interior Minister Ahmad Obeidat conferred in his office Wednesday with the president of the Federal Criminal Research Department in West Germany (BKA), Mr. Boge, who is currently visiting Jordan at the invitation of the Public Security Department.

Mr. Boge also met Wednesday the department Director Mohammad Idris with whom he discussed the scopes of cooperation between security departments in both countries in the field of combating crime.

Following the meetings, Mr. Boge paid visits to the Princess Basma Women's Police Institute and the department specialising in combating forgery, and drug smuggling and abuse, and was briefed on their activities.

French company outlines teletext system operation

By Ara Voskian
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan Television, in cooperation with the French company Sofratev, held a seminar Wednesday on the methods of operating the teletext system, in the conference hall of the Amman Chamber of Commerce.

The seminar was opened by Director-General of Jordan Television Ahmad Kamal who stressed the importance of updating and modernising information equipment, adding that Jordan Television will utilise the teletext system early next year.

The teletext system is a commercial information system which transmits information in writing and tabulation form through television frequencies.

The viewer can choose such programmes through the medium of the television screen by the use of a simple control device, provided an additional teletext decoder is attached.

Following Mr. Kamal's opening speech, a detailed lecture was delivered by Francois Renevier from the French company during which he described the teletext system, the actual French service including all public and specialised

services and selective access and pay teletext.

He also discussed the American services provided through the Antiope System by CBS and NBC.

The Antiope Teletext Service is the operational phase of the French TV network ANTENNE TWO which was the first network to begin broadcasting a full teletext service in October 1979.

Since spring 1982, the French network has offered experimental captioning for the deaf and hearing-impaired for one hour every day which will be extended to three to four hours in 1984.

The information transmitted through the teletext system can either be comprehensive or in the form of brief news items from around the world. It can also be used to include bulletins from different government departments, announcements, financial information, consumer prices for commodities, weather reports and so on.

After Mr. Renevier's lecture, there was an open debate on the subject involving those who attended the seminar, including officials from information services, the press, and the Telecommunications Corporation.

La Scala produces breathtaking performance

By Salameh Ne'matt
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday awarded the Independence Medal of the First Order to the members of the Theatre La Scala Ballet Company who performed here Tuesday and Wednesday at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC). The medal was presented to the director of the ballet company by Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar.

The company also received the Petra Shield of the Ministry of Culture and Youth which was presented by Issam Aridah, director of the RCC.

The ballet company from Milan also gave a special performance Sunday for King Hussein and Italian President Sandro Pertini. The company's visit here was as part of Mr. Pertini's tour. He left Jordan Monday, after a three-day visit.

The company, led by the world famous Prima Ballerina, Luciana Savignana and other principal dancers Bluna Radice and Giuliana Gaspari, performed the second act of Swan Lake with music by Tchaikovsky and the ballet Bolero with music by Maurice Ravel.

With perfect skill and taste and with a harmony born of the talented imagination of Maurice Bejard, choreographer of the Bolero, Luciana Savignana starred in a breathtaking performance. She was successfully able to convert a picture of life in to ballet form and



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor and the Italian president, Sandro Pertini, pictured with the La Scala Ballet Company which gave a special performance for them at the Royal Cultural Centre Sunday.

was able to make the public reflect perceiving not only with feelings but also with a provocative rationality.

No less successful was the second act of Swan Lake, a work which expresses in a compressed and simple form, profound ideas and feelings. Again a magnificent performance by the La Scala Ballet — one does not know whether to applaud the brilliant talent or the perfect choreography. They really deserve the honour they received and it will be a long time before Amman forgets this show.

Dr. Angelo Dossena, artistic director of the company told the Jordan Times that it is the first time in the long history of the company that they have received so great an honour as that granted by King Hussein. He said that it is also the first time that the company has performed in the Middle East.

Dr. Dossena, who has been the artistic director of the company

Mobile antiquities exhibition planned

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is to organise a mobile exhibition of its antiquities to be taken on tour to a number of European countries from the beginning of the coming year, according to Antiquities Department Director Adnan Al Hadidi.

He said that the exhibition will display mainly pottery dating back to eras in Jordan. The exhibition is being organised in cooperation with the Belgian Royal Museum in Brussels and the Centre for Palestinian Archaeological Studies in Holland, Dr. Hadidi said.

According to Dr. Hadidi, another exhibition of Jordan's antiquities will be held in Amman at a date to be announced later. It will be organised in cooperation with the Geographic Centre.

Dr. Hadidi said that he held talks with the director of the Institute of Middle East Archaeological Studies at the Turin University during his visit to Jordan in the company of President Pertini.

The talks centred on the implementation of a Jordanian-Italian agreement signed in 1982 for the restoration of the ancient Roman city of Jerash, and for training Jordanian staff at Italian institutes of archaeology. Dr. Hadidi said. He added that Italy has undertaken to pay the cost of Italian archaeologists' stay and work in Jordan.

Media team returns from Egypt trip

AQABA (Petra) — A Jordanian journalists delegation returned here Tuesday evening at the end of a three-day visit to Egypt.

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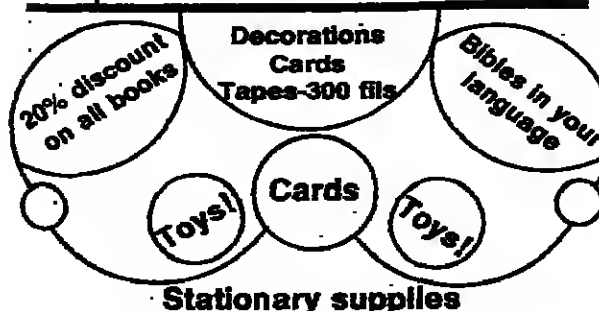
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Deammanisation: Concept and solutions

By Jawad Ahmad

THE MAN who should be accredited with the term "deammanisation" is His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. In the Second Economic Development Conference held in Amman in 1976, the Crown Prince used the term to sum up one of Jordan's main economic worries and insinuate the solution to the problem.

The problem of course is the skewed population distribution of Jordan. It is estimated that 35 per cent of the Jordan population live in the city of Amman proper. The Greater Amman area hosts 57 per cent of Jordan's population. In other words 1.3 million Jor-

dans live in approximately 300 square kilometres, while the rest of the 2.4 million inhabitants are scattered over 94,000 square kilometres.

As for the people of Amman itself, life has reached limits of diminishing returns. The return in terms of happiness is declining because of crowdedness and competition. Efforts by the government to keep up are on all the time, yet people's appetite seems to be faster.

The population distributions, however, involves more than meets the eye. The rural output and production

has diminished over time, and I tend to believe, that the population sub-numbers in Jordan's rural areas have negatively affected agriculture. Output was maintained at its current level by heavy labour and capital imports.

There is also the cost of transferring available resources from their current positions to their respective markets. Imports come basically through Aqaba and are hauled 320 kilometres to Amman. Moreover, water, energy and agricultural products take large investments and expenditures to secure them for the users of Amman.

What is the solution then to get around this problem? Deammanise. This means that productive ventures and infrastructural projects in the rural areas must be increased and beefed up. At this stage this is an expensive proposition. While the state budget is striving to reach a balance between government's current expenditures and domestic revenues, expanding services and production in rural areas becomes severely constrained. What can be done to fulfil this goal of enticing people to move outside Amman and to keep people outside it where they are? This can be achieved

by a combination of ideas.

First, by adopting proper legislations that would make it more profitable to invest outside Amman. The Encouragement of Investment Law can give tax concessions and tariff amenities. I believe the Ministry of Industry and Trade has done something to that effect.

Second, by endorsing a plan which would enhance the basic services and ensure their ability. Water and electricity are means to keep people in rural areas and enhance their fertility. Roads of course is another outlet. Next year's 1984

budget was declared as a year of water and electricity in rural areas.

Third, by enhancing the income in rural areas through encouraging agricultural production, marketing and price flexibility.

These propositions are necessary and partially sufficient to do the trick. Universities in the North and South of the country will eventually create an atmosphere of local pride that could transcend the urge to move to Amman. Deammanisation is a panacea in relation to the current situation.

Easy answer... but wrong

EXPERIENCE tells us that successive U.S. administrations have always failed to understand the intricacies of Middle East politics. Whenever any of them, Republican or Democratic, discovered its handicap, there invariably was one way to go: more arms for Israel, and more money, would present the easy answer.

President Reagan's decision this week to "revitalize" U.S.-Israeli co-operation in Lebanon and on a wide range of global, regional and bilateral issues presents but a classical example of how America chooses to deal with the difficult and complex situation in the Middle East in a simplistic, and for that matter, adventurous, manner.

The Americans and the Israelis seem to have a free hand in forging whatever relationship they want to have, for the Arab World is too weak and fragmented to answer back. But let us not be emotional: there is a host of other dangerous issues to consider.

Today that the Reagan administration did not understand, or agree with, the Arab position for the U.S. president to announce new political and military ties with Israel yesterday is only one way of looking at the results of Yitzhak Shamir's current visit to Washington. The other way — and there might be several others — of course is what some Arabs would call an historic U.S. enmity towards the Arabs and their aspirations.

The Arab World's moderates, with whom President Reagan also wanted to be friends despite his strategic alliance with Israel, are not supposed to subscribe to the view that Washington is an all-out enemy of the Arabs. But, at the same time, they are not aware that the Reagan administration is making a mockery of its friendship with them by giving Israel even more support and money as Shamir pleases? Should they not feel odd or embarrassed at this particular time when in the name of combating the so-called Soviet threat to the Middle East, Washington is in effect appointing Israel the policeman of the region and re-arming it with cluster bombs to finish off what is left of us?

Certainly those Arab moderates whom we know do not want to be used by the Americans, or by anybody else for that matter; and even if they do, the cheap American-Israeli umbrella of "strategic co-operation" is the last thing they would want as a cover.

President Reagan and his administration are making a big mistake to think that by stockpiling more American weapons in Israel, he can frighten the Arab radicals and woo the moderates.

Such policies as adopted by General Haig in the Middle East, as indeed elsewhere, are proven to be harmful and bankrupt. When will America ever learn its lesson?

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: World no longer deceived

OVER THE past two decades, world Zionism has of deceived world public opinion in various forms so as to achieve its ambitions and objectives. The world was deceived and continued to deal with the criminal Israel as though it were the victim. The victim, namely the Arabs, were regarded as the source of terrorism and aggression. In 1967 when Israel launched its aggression against the Arabs and occupied all of Palestine and parts of the other Arab countries, the world began to wake up and to realise the dangerous situation in the middle East. The U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 was a manifestation of that awakening. The Arabs also woke up and began demanding their rights, and also began to expose Israel's expansionist aims.

With the escalation of Palestinian struggle, coupled with the Arab Nation's declared desire to achieve peace, the international community started to offer its support to the Arab Nation and to support the rights of the Palestinian people. This support was crowned with the declaration of Nov. 29 as the day on which to commemorate solidarity with the Palestinian people. His Majesty King Hussein in his message Tuesday was keen to underline the meaning of this day and warned the world of the danger of overlooking the Palestinian people's rights. He said that the Zionists are exploiting the time factor and changing the demographic, geographic and cultural characteristics of the occupied Arab territory, and he also warned that any attempt by Arab countries to contain and dominate the PLO would be regarded as assistance to the Zionists in their endeavours. In Jordan, we live in theory and practice with the Palestinian people, supporting their struggle and sharing in their aspirations, and therefore we call on all Arab countries to help us prevent the enemy from exploiting the time factor and continuing to pursue its goals.

Al Dustour: Support not massacres

IT IS rather a sad thing to see the world observing the Day of solidarity with the Palestinian people at a time when we witness Palestinian fighters being killed and made to kill one another in northern Lebanon. The day of solidarity with the Palestinians is a day that should be devoted to helping the Palestinian people, who have suffered so much, to regain their land usurped by the Zionist enemy.

The message embodied the Jordanian people's true feelings towards their brethren and also reaffirmed the historical links between the Jordanian and Palestinian people who are bound by a common fate and aspirations. It is because of this close and firm linkage between the two peoples that King Hussein has been displaying his strong opposition to attempts to impose a hegemony on the Palestinian people and their legitimate leadership.

Sawt Al Shaab: Ironical anniversary

ON THE 36th anniversary of the partition of Palestine by the United Nations, one cannot help reviewing the long series of events that followed the declaration of that partition and the occupation of Palestine in 1948. Ever since that date, the Arab World has been plagued by tragedy and suffering while the Palestinians have been scattered all over the world. The history of Palestine and the continuous Israeli acts of aggression on the Arabs represent the history of the Middle East region with all its wars and sacrifices in men and material. King Hussein's message on the anniversary Tuesday marked a reminder to the Arabs of these events and also contained a warning to world nations that attempts to impose hegemony on the Palestinians can only serve enemy plans.

King Hussein also stressed the fact that Jordan has always supported and will continue to support the Palestinian struggle for liberation because Jordan has always been the other face of Palestine embodying its peoples aspirations and objectives. It is ironic that this anniversary comes this year at a time when the Syrian and Libyan regimes are involved in attempts to destroy the aspirations and legitimate leadership of the Palestinian people.

Heated talk in a non-violent setting

By Elie Shueiri
Special USA correspondent

WASHINGTON -- In mid-November, as Lebanese anti-government forces were firing at the Lebanese army and American troops, two Lebanese opposition leaders were in the heart of Washington, holding forth on U.S. policy in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Supporters of Syrian President Assad and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat were criticising each other and the Reagan administration within shouting distance of the U.S. Capitol while Palestinian rebels were locked in violent battle with the forces of Yasser Arafat in North Lebanon.

At the same time, followers of Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and those of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein were peacefully presenting their points of view in an atmosphere that made the carnage on the battlefields of the Gulf seem unreal.

The occasion was the 16th annual convention of the Association of Arab American University Graduates (AAUG), where hundreds of Arab Americans, non-Arab Americans and Arab visitors convened at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington Nov. 11-13.

Over 70 politicians, political scientists, journalists, sociologists and economists were scheduled to address the subject of "human rights and political and economic changes in the Arab World" during a three-day programme of panel discussions, lectures, seminars and workshops.

I, as an Arab newcomer to the United States, had never heard the clashing views of the Middle East discussed so openly and directly without resort to verbal abuse or physical violence.

George Hawi, Secretary General of the Lebanese Communist Party and member of the National Salvation Front, expressed support for the Syrian role in Leb-

anon and blamed the entire Lebanese problem on the Israeli occupation while Egyptian lawyer Taher Abdul Hakim assailed the Syrians and "the intellectuals who have allowed themselves to become their loudspeakers."

Lebanese opposition leader Abdallah Saadeh, former chief of Lebanon's National Syrian Social Party and an ally of George Hawi in the Lebanese crisis, expressed the frustration of some participants with American Middle East policy when he stated, "with all due respect to Mr. Hawi, we are not pro-Soviet, but the Soviets are pro-Arab. On the other hand, we are not anti-American, but America seems to be anti-Arab."

I thought it significant that even critics like Mr. Saadeh still chose Washington as the city in which to express their controversial views, confident that no effort would be made to silence them or to make their stay in the U.S. capital uncomfortable.

Dr. Sami Farsoun, professor of sociology at the American University in Washington, joined a chorus of other speakers in condemning the intra-Palestinian violence in Tripoli — a topic which seemed to overshadow the original theme of the convention. He blamed the conflict in large part on unspecified Arab regimes that were afraid of the "democratic example" set by the PLO and were determined to either crush or dominate the organisation.

Mr. Farsoun's position was challenged by Dr. Sadik Al-Azm, professor of modern philosophy at the University of Damascus, who attacked Mr. Arafat's mainstream PLO faction and declared that the violence in Tripoli was the natural outcome of weak and misguided Palestinian leadership.

The state of human rights and political freedom in the Arab world was abysmal, according to Dr. Fouad Moughrabi, professor of political science at Chattanooga university in the state of Tennessee. He maintained that most

Arab countries were virtual police states — a condition partially due to the creation of Israel — the flood of petromoney and the sophisticated technology and information systems placed at their disposal by the West.

Dr. Hanna Batatu of Georgetown University analysed the status of political freedom in the Middle East differently. Dr. Batatu noted that even in the most advanced Western democracies, political liberation was a relatively recent phenomenon, especially in

countries whose geographic location made them vulnerable to foreign invasion.

All the arguments advanced in the convention related to controversial and complicated topics. The most telling argument was the fact that these topics were discussed so calmly. That indicated that the people of the Middle East can look at each other across the negotiating table instead of through a gun sight and see each other as equals with different views instead of demons with pointed tails.

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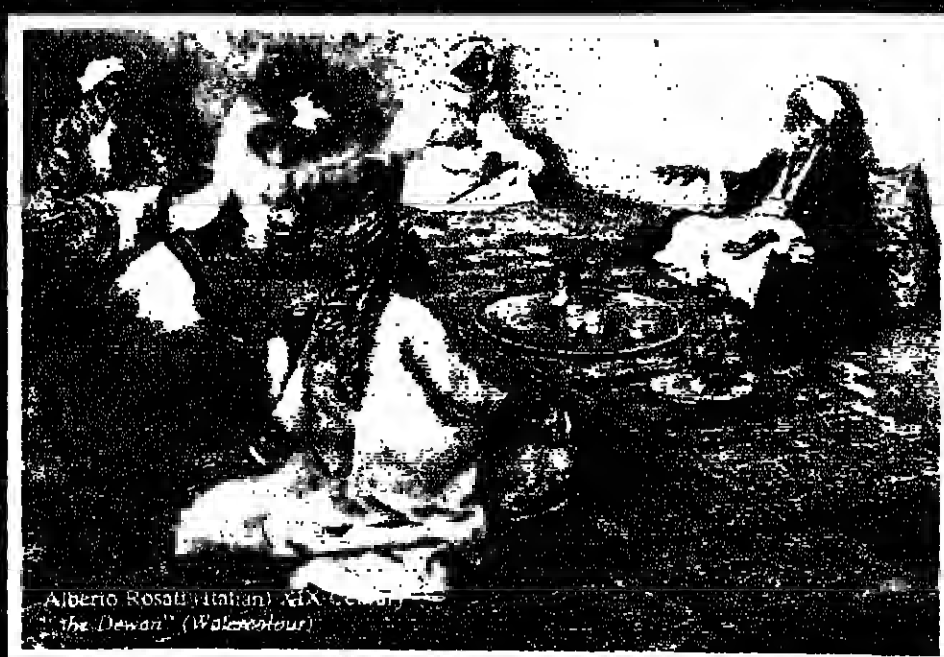


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In a country such as Jordan road accidents account for more death, personal injury and property damage than any other cause. Much has been spoken about this deplorable and sad situation. Some action, but not enough, has been and is being exerted by various official as well as private organizations to reduce accidents and improve road safety. Unfortunately results have been minimal so far and the numbers of drivers, passengers and others who are killed and injured continue to rise.

The available expertise and manpower at the disposal of the various government departments is at present insufficient in order to cope with the irresponsibility, ignorance and selfishness that a large proportion of drivers display on the roads of the kingdom. In the present situation it is obviously extremely difficult, if not impossible, to effect a significant improvement in driver safety by trying to introduce new traffic regulations and to endeavour to strictly enforce existing ones when there is insufficient manpower for this purpose and more important, the level of training of existing licensed drivers has been so low and also bearing in mind the negative, selfish and uncooperative attitude

of the majority of drivers.

This being the case it is quite clear that the present level of road accidents is going to continue for a long time or may be only slightly reduced due to strict law enforcement. There is clearly a very strong case in favour of the introduction of legislation initially publicising the use of seat belts and eventually compelling drivers and front seat passengers to use them. As long as road accidents are going to continue at such a high level it is obviously a great advantage and benefit if the lives of those involved can be saved. It is generally agreed throughout the world that there is no other factor than seat belts that could be introduced which could so dramatically reduce deaths and injuries, arising from road accidents and at so little cost to the society.

Recommendations

The facts show that there is a significant reduction in death and injury to drivers and front seat passengers when wearing proper seat belts.

The introduction of legislation enforcing the use of safety belts, in certain categories of vehicles, in

Jordan would in all probability result in an immediate reduction of approximately 25 per cent in the numbers of persons killed and injured in road accidents.

Most passenger cars in use in Jordan are already fitted with seat belts. Those which probably not have fitting places already are prepared and if adequate time is allowed then all vehicles which would eventually come within the scope of any sensible legislation would be easily able to comply.

Therefore in light of other countries' experience, which have introduced seat belt legislation, the following recommendations would appeal to form the basis of a logical and sensible course to follow in the interests of road safety:—

1. All passenger vehicles with up to 12 must be fitted with seat belts to the drivers and front passengers seats. Similarly all other vehicles up to a 3.5 metric tons weight must be fitted with seat belts for the driver and front passenger (such vehicles are delivery vans, mini buses, pickups and light trucks, four wheel drive vehicles, etc). This would apply to all such vehicles which are less than 10 years old.

2. Seat belts should be of the three point anchorage type. The seat belts can be of the fixed type or can be attached to an inertia reel which keeps the belt under light tension and rolls it up when not in use. The inertia reel must lock itself when the vehicle is subjected to any sudden or violent movement.

3. Legislation should be introduced making it compulsory for all vehicles that are permanently imported into Jordan and which are in compliance with item 1 above to be fitted with seat belts to

the front seats by the vehicle manufacturer. This would be one of the first steps in the introduction of a seat belt law.

4. A period of approximately 6-9 months should be specified as an interim period during which all drivers and front seat passengers are recommended and encouraged to wear seat belts. This period also gives time for vehicle owners to fit seat belts to such vehicles that do not already have them.

5. During this period a carefully planned and executed publicity campaign should be launched in the media and in other ways aimed at educating and encouraging drivers and front seat passengers to wear seat belts.

6. After the period of recommended use of seat belts, it should then be compulsory for all drivers and front seat passengers as well as children to wear seat belts, subject to exemptions as described elsewhere in this report.

7. The police authorities should receive special training in ways of enforcing any regulations that are issued as well as being fully conversant with such laws. As has happened in the past the lack of enforcement of traffic laws has led to their being abused or ignored. If a seat belt law is to be effective it must be strictly implemented. For this reason the proposed publicity campaign is very important because drivers and passengers should be convinced of the safety advantages which would encourage them to voluntarily wear seat belts without having to be forced to by the provisions and penalties contained in relevant legislation.

8. It has been shown by experience gained in many countries that there is no safety advantage to

be gained by the use of safety belts in large commercial vehicles, buses etc. The advantages to be gained by seat belts are only to be had in vehicles of 3.5 tons or less.

9. It should be made illegal for children under the age of 12 years to ride in the front seats of cars without using special restraints that are specially designed for children. Otherwise they should occupy the rear seats.

10. The penalties that can be imposed by the authorities for not wearing seat belts, once the law is introduced, should be severe enough to deter people from contravening such legislation. After all, this is the exact purpose and intention of having penalties. If the penalty is too low it will not act as a deterrent, a case in point being the fines imposed for exceeding speed limits which have so far had no effect in generally reducing the speeds at which people drive. A fine of JD50 or more would make people hesitate before not wearing seat belts. The argument that such a fine is too high can be easily dismissed by stating that persons complying with the law would not be required to pay any fines or other penalties.

11. Import licences should not be used for the importation of seat belts, child restraints and child safety seats that do not comply with the international standards of safety and quality. Samples should be made available for examination by experts, or a committee which would have to approve them before they would be allowed to be imported.

Unfortunately experience in the past has shown that insufficient planning, study and consultation with experts has resulted in various traffic laws and regulations being introduced which are either



incomplete, unworkable or are not capable of being enforced in such a manner that encourages drivers to comply with them. A case in point concerns speed limits which are causing considerable confusion and even amusement especially among foreign drivers. Jordan is the only country in the world which has at least seven different speed limit signs on the roads! Most other countries have succeeded with three! The locations and speeds proved to have contravened a maximum speed limit he only has to pay JD 5 — makes a mockery of the law. If a driver convicted of exceeding the speed limit or of breaching any other traffic law — had to pay JD 50 or even JD 100 — every time, he would be very careful in future! Such unhappy experiences that we have had in the past should teach us the lesson with regard to legislation on the use of seat belts that a little time spent on careful study, consultation, publicity, training and education would be to everyone's advantage in the long run. This is especially important because the proper use of seat belts is undoubtedly the single most important factor in reducing death and injury to drivers and passengers on the roads.

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Organisers re-arrange Open schedule

MELBOURNE (R) — Officials of the rain-hit Australian Open Tennis Championships at Kooyong remained confident Wednesday that the tournament could be salvaged without an extension or without cutting five-set matches.

The third day's play on Wednesday was abandoned at 9.30 in the morning. The first day was also lost and the second day was seriously curtailed.

Tournament director Colin Stubbs said it would still be possible

to complete the championships on schedule at the end of next week if first-round matches were completed by Sunday night. "We are optimistic," Stubbs said. "We are not desperate yet."

He added that the 32 men's sin-

gles matches listed for Thursday would be the best-of-five sets and so far no consideration had been given to cutting them to three. But he agreed the tournament committee had that option.

Neither top seed, Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl or American Martina Navratilova, has so far been in action. Lendl is seeking to win a 'Grand Slam' title for the first time. Navratilova is aiming to

regain the title she lost in last year's final to Chris Evert Lloyd of the United States, who is not playing this time.

4 British nations under threat, F.A. chief says

LONDON (R) — Most of the world's soccer-playing nations want England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to amalgamate and field one British team in the World Cup, said Football Association (F.A.) Chairman Bert Millichip on Wednesday.

Millichip, speaking at a sports writers' lunch in London, said: "I was astounded by the strength of the vote in favour when a Third World delegate put forward such an idea at the FIFA Congress before the last World Cup finals." The F.A. chief, who claimed 60

per cent of the world wanted an end to the present four-team set-up, added: "There were 129 nations represented. It would need a 75 per cent vote to get such a change but it was very worrying to think that without the support of our European friends we might have lost the day."

Millichip said he felt 'jealousy' was behind the move as a number of smaller nations were also opposed to the four British associations all having votes on the international board which controls the laws of the game.

Pele says Cosmos offered him \$5m

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Pele, Brazil's peerless soccer star, said Wednesday he has six months to consider a \$5m offer to come out of retirement and play one more season with the New York Cosmos, a local news agency reported.

Pele was quoted by the Rio airport news agency Airpress as saying his initial reaction was to reject the bid as he felt, at the age of 43, that he might damage his image and disappoint fans.

Pele, who landed at Rio on the way to his home in Santos, said Cosmos had given him until May to consider the offer to play for one season, starting that month.

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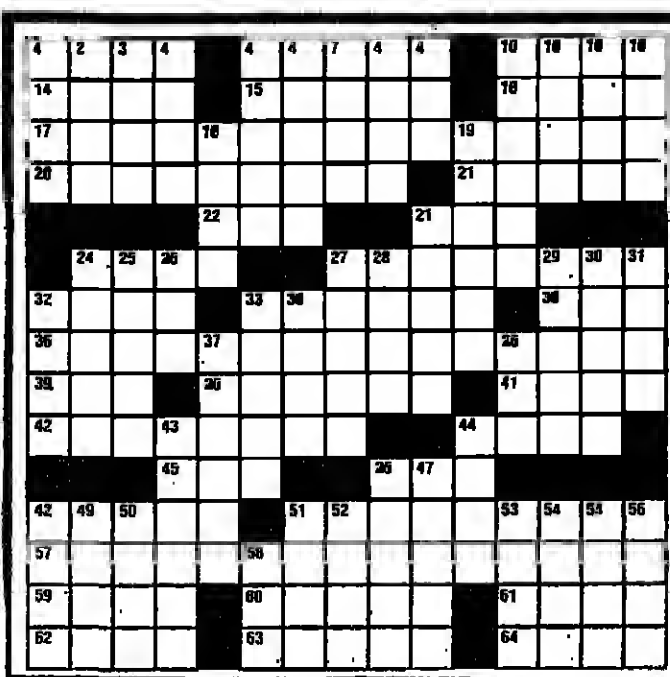


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Police free Heineken chief

AMSTERDAM (R) — Dutch police Wednesday freed the kidnapped chairman of Heineken Breweries, Freddie Heineken, and his chauffeur and arrested three of six people alleged to have organized the 21-day-old abduction.

Mr. Heineken, 60, and the 57-year-old chauffeur, Ab Doderer, were found handcuffed and chained by police in a dawn raid on an Amsterdam timber yard, police chief inspector Kees Sietsma told a press conference.

Both were in good health but need rest.

Mr. Heineken's company, the largest beer producer in Europe, paid a large ransom on Monday but several million guilders of this had already been recovered, Inspector Sietsma said. He did not give the exact size of the ransom.

A further 21 people linked to the kidnappers were arrested in more than 20 raids early Wednesday, added Mr. Sietsma, who headed the police enquiry.

Police had been shadowing several of the kidnappers for more than a week after being alerted by an anonymous tip on Nov. 16.

There was no immediate word on the fate of their kidnappers, but both police and Heineken spokesmen said the release of the two men was due to police action.

The Heineken family said in a brief statement that both were well but needed some rest. It gave no further details.

There was no information on the payment of any ransom for Mr. Heineken, who is among the richest men in the Netherlands and a friend of the Dutch royal family.

Dutch newspapers have previously reported the kidnappers

had demanded up to \$10 million for his freedom.

Mr. Heineken, 60, was seized by three armed men after stepping out of his office on the night of Nov. 9.

His chauffeur, 57-year-old Ab Doderer, was also grabbed after a brief scuffle as he went to Mr. Heineken's aid.

Mr. Heineken's company, the largest beer producer in Europe, said the next day it had received a note from the kidnappers and was ready to pay a ransom for the two men.

The company and police then imposed a news blackout, in line with a demand from the kidnappers, and refused any further official information on the abduction or the search.

Police sources said that police had launched their largest single search operation, while newspapers reported that the brewery was trying to keep in touch with the kidnappers through classified advertisements in the Telegraaf

newspaper.

During the past three weeks, various clues were reported in the search for Heineken, a leading figure in Dutch business life, but police sources said most proved false trails.

Early in the hunt, police focused heavy attention on Dutch professional criminals, the sources added.

Many aspects of the kidnapping, particularly its careful preparation, indicated it had been carried out by an experienced and well-organized gang which included several Dutchmen, they said.

The gang apparently planned the operation some months ago, as the van used in the getaway was stolen last July. They also succeeded in following Mr. Heineken's movements, despite the brewery magnate's care over security, since they were waiting for him as he stepped from his office to walk to his car.

British unionists, police clash at print works

WARRINGTON, England (R) — About 4,000 British trade unionists, booing and hurling missiles, clashed with police in the biggest challenge by organized labour to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's policy of trying to curb union powers.

They demonstrated outside a northern England print works in defiance of the Conservative government's laws against mass picketing.

At least 21 police were injured, including one who was knocked unconscious by a bottle which hit him on the back of the neck, a police spokesman said.

Police made scores of arrests as scuffles broke out outside the plant of a local newspaper group in conflict with Britain's most powerful print union, the National Graphical Association (NGA).

The NGA, seeking to get six sacked members reinstated by the group, had urged other unions to help prevent the local papers being printed and distributed. Officially organized "sympathy action" by outsiders not directly involved in a dispute is now illegal.

Several policemen and pickets were hurt when the crowd surged forward against the lines of policemen flanking the building in Warrington, northwest England.

Miners, dockers, transport and local government workers were among the demonstrators who converged on the works from all over Britain. Many arrived in special coaches.

Inside the premises, the 120-strong staff prepared the newspapers protected by privately hired security guards. Their boss, Eddie Shah, provided bunk-beds, cooking facilities, a large freezer and video recorders in case of a long siege.

Mr. Shah, 39, who was built a group with a total circulation of 250,000, won a court action against the NGA for illegal picketing last week. The union has had £175,000 (\$260,000) of its funds seized for contempt of court in refusing to meet the court's orders.

Shuttle mishap corrected

HOUSTON (R) — A minor problem which threatened to disrupt two of the 73 experiments being conducted during the nine-day maiden flight of the European-built space shuttle has been corrected, U.S. space agency officials said.

The officials said Tuesday night space shuttle Columbia, was proving to be an excellent platform for orbital scientific research.

They said a faulty electronic switching device, which relays information between the two experiments and space shuttle computers, was operating again after repair efforts Tuesday by members of the six-man crew and mission control in Houston.

The officials said the shuttle, launched on Monday, was flying well and scientists monitoring all of the space shuttle experiments were pleased with the progress so far.

"Everything is going well," said flight director Larry Bourgeois. "I spoke to (space shuttle mission manager) Harry Kraft and he's pleased with the activity."

Asked whether the crewmen, who are divided into two three-member teams, were having any difficulty carrying out their busy schedule, Mr. Bourgeois said:

"They're keeping up with the timeline, doing a fine job. They're looking good."

This mission, the ninth in the shuttle programme, includes two non-astronauts — Ulf Merbold, a West German physicist, and Byron Lichtenberg, an American biomedical engineer.

The main purpose of the mission is to prove that space shuttle, designed and built by the European Space Agency (ESA) at a cost of nearly \$1 billion, functions as it should.

Only minor problems, such as the partial failure of the computer linking device, have been reported so far.

U.S. statement on Taiwan upsets China

NAGASAKI, Japan (R) — China's Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian has denounced a White House statement on Taiwan as a "plot to fabricate two Chinas."

Kyodo news agency reported Wednesday.

The denunciation came at the end of an eight-day visit to Japan by Mr. Wu and Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang, who both left for home after a farewell press conference.

Mr. Wu criticised a statement issued on Monday by White House deputy spokesman Larry Speakes on the subject of a new row between Washington and Peking over Taiwan.

China has protested to the United States about a congressional resolution saying the status of Taiwan should be settled in consultation with the Taiwanese people.

At a press conference in Tokyo on Saturday Mr. Hu said unless a suitable reply to the protest was made China might have to think again about a projected visit to the U.S. by Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang.

Questioned about this Wednesday, Mr. Wu said: "It is necessary to create a suitable atmosphere for the visit by Prime Minister Zhao." Kyodo reported.

Mr. Speakes had said the congressional measure did not change U.S. policy towards China and should not affect the visit by Mr. Zhao.

Apparently this failed to satisfy Mr. Wu, who, along with Mr. Hu, was winding up a four-day tour of Japanese provincial cities.

Filipino detainees' families protest

MANILA (R) — About 50 families and supporters of detainees held in military camps Wednesday started a five-day fast in a park in the Philippines capital to back demands for a general amnesty for political prisoners.

The hunger strikers put up symbolic prison walls and barbed wire fencing around the park outside the 351-year-old Manila cathedral in the old part of the city.

They said they would eat only a simple breakfast and take liquids during their fast. Most are wives of detainees but they also include nuns and sympathisers from several opposition groups.

The detainees, in at least nine detention centres in the Phi-

lippines, have also joined the fast to dramatise their complaints against alleged torture and solitary confinement, a spokesman said.

Meanwhile, President Ferdinand Marcos Wednesday visited the northern Philippine mountain resort city of Baguio on his first trip out of the presidential palace in four months.

Mr. Marcos, 66, is not known to have left the grounds of the Malacanang Palace since the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino on Aug. 21.

The president was last seen outside the palace on Aug. 1 when he addressed an anniversary celebration of the paramilitary constabulary force.

The palace said in a statement Mr. Marcos and his wife Imelda flew to Baguio, 190 kilometres north of Manila, where they were joined by their eldest daughter Imee, her husband Tommy Manotoc and the couple's baby.

In Manila, Filipino workers Wednesday formally launched the new Labour Party of the Philippines at a rally attended by some 1,000 labourers.

The meeting, held on a national holiday commemorating revolutionary war hero Andres Bonifacio, was coupled with attacks on multi-national companies operating in the Philippines and on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

Poll shows early support for Nakasone

TOKYO (R) — Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) has appears likely to win a clear majority in early general elections on Dec. 18, according to a Kyodo news agency survey published Wednesday.

The survey, based on data collected throughout the country a few days before campaigning officially starts on Saturday, showed the party was so far assured of about 220 seats in the 511-seat lower house of parliament.

But Kyodo analysts said the LDP could lose 15 of the 285 seats it had when Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone dissolved the lower house on Monday.

This would still leave the party with enough M.P.s to retain chairmanships and majorities in almost all the 18 house standing committees.

Sind political detainees start 24-hour protest

KARACHI (R) — Political prisoners in Pakistan's southern province of Sind went on a 24-hour hunger strike Wednesday to protest against the alleged torture of detained dissidents by police, an opposition spokesman said. The spokesman of the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) said the prisoners began the strike in the morning at several jails in Sind, home province of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

The authorities have denied the torture allegations made by the MRD, and alliance of nine banned political parties which launched an anti-government campaign on Aug. 14.

Thousands of people have been arrested and, according to official estimates, more than 60 killed in clashes during the campaign aimed at immediate national elections and an end to 6-12 years of martial law. The opposition puts the number of the dead at several hundred.

MRD Convenor Mohammad Shah Amroli said top officials visited Sukkur jail in Sind Tuesday to ask the politicians detained there not to go on a hunger strike.

The officials promised to improve conditions, he said, but the politicians refused to listen to them and went on hunger strike Wednesday.

No official confirmation of the prisoners' fast was immediately available.

Fatehy Ali Khan, chief of the banned Pakistan Mazdoor Kisan (labour and farmers) Party, said in a statement smuggled out of Sukkur jail that 800 political prisoners there would start a fast unto death programme unless the MRD demands were met.

Police sources said some people attacked a government bus Tuesday night and set it ablaze at Larkana, Mr. Bhutto's home town about 480 kilometres north of Karachi.

Dhaka expels 18 Soviet diplomats after protests

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh has ordered the expulsion of 18 Soviet diplomats and told the Kremlin to close its cultural centre in Dhaka, an authoritative government source said Wednesday.

He said the Soviet ambassador in Bangladesh, Valentine Pavlovich Stephanov, was called to the foreign office on Monday — soon after anti-government violence flared in Dhaka — and told Moscow's diplomatic representation was being halted.

The Soviet Union has more than 100 employees. 36 of them diplomats, at its Dhaka embassy, the biggest foreign mission in Bangladesh.

There was no official comment on the expulsions. The source said they were ordered because of the unusually large Soviet representation in Bangladesh and following reports that many embassy officials were meddling in the country's internal politics.

Three Soviet diplomats were expelled from Bangladesh in 1981 after they were caught taking pictures of key installations near Jaipur, just outside Dhaka.

Later, in the same year, airport security officials seized several crates containing electronic spy equipment being unloaded from an Aeroflot airliner.

Meanwhile, military authorities have arrested 160 people for their role in the recent anti-government demonstrations which left four dead and 400 injured, the government said Wednesday.

An official announcement said those arrested would be sent for trial, adding that the detained included the widow of former as-

sinated President Ziaur Rahman, Begum Khaleida Zia, who is the leader of a seven-party alliance.

The announcement did not say if Sheikh Hasina Wazed, daughter of another slain president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, had been arrested. But her family said she was picked up Tuesday night.

The country's military ruler, Hossain Mohammad Ershad, clamped a 21-hour curfew on Dhaka, tightened martial law provisions and reimposed a ban on political activity following the violence which erupted during an anti-government demonstration.

However the army lifted the curfew in the capital between the hours of 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday and ordered government employees to go to their offices.

But a general strike was observed in the southern port city of Chittagong and the northern town of Jessore in response to a call by opposition parties.

A statement from a 15-party opposition alliance Wednesday said its pressure on the government would continue.

"Oppression has always brought disaster. It never solved problems. The government will bring its own destruction by repression," the statement said.

Officials said the 42-nation Islamic foreign ministers conference would begin as scheduled from next week and the delegates would start arriving from Thursday.

Gen. Ershad said Tuesday night that his plans for an election to return the country to democracy would not be hampered.

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Parcels can proceed to Soviet Union

HELSINKI (R) — Five parcels intended for the Soviet Union, which had been stopped at Helsinki Airport, will be allowed to proceed, a spokesman for the forwarding company said Wednesday. The parcels had arrived by air from Los Angeles and had been stopped at the request of the U.S. authorities. A spokesman for the Finnish company which was to forward the consignment to the Soviet Union said the company had been told by telephone that the U.S. authorities had withdrawn a request to stop the parcels as they were known to contain hospital supplies.

Judge threatens Flynt with jail

LOS ANGELES (R) — A judge said he would send girlie magazine publisher Larry Flynt to jail on Dec. 9 if he still refused to reveal the source of a tape recording involving carmaker John de Lorean. "Someone is going to have the raise the white flag over this court because not even with a hot lead enema will I reveal my source," Mr. Flynt declared. "I am in fear of my life from the mob or the KGB if I divulge my source," he added without offering any explanation.

Canadian rape victim jailed

OTTAWA (R) — The victim of an alleged rape has been jailed for one week for refusing to testify against two men who were charged with assaulting her but were then set free for lack of evidence. The woman, whose name was not released, was led sobbing from the court. She refused to testify because she said she feared for herself and her family. Despite pleas from both the defence and prosecution, Justice Joseph O'Brien decided to jail the woman because failure to do so would "encourage anarchy," he said.

Hater of royalty sent to madhouse

AYLESBURY, England (R) — An unemployed man who threatened to kill Queen Elizabeth, her son Prince Charles and her daughter-in-law Princess Diana was sent to a mental hospital Tuesday. Dunstan Dunstan, 29, made the threats last July in letters to Buckingham Palace and to a local newspaper, a court was told. In his letter to the queen he called her degenerate and added: "If Charles has another son by Diana I will assassinate him." To Prince Charles he wrote: "No state funerals for traitors."

Surinam alleges exiles' coup bid

AMSTERDAM (R) — Surinam's left-wing military government has accused the country's main exiled opposition movement of trying to stage a coup and has arrested at least 11 alleged plotters, according to the Dutch news agency ANP. At a press conference Tuesday in the former Dutch colony, a military spokesman was reported as saying the Surinam liberation council, based in the Netherlands, had launched a plan to cause chaos in Surinam and pave the way for a mercenary invasion.

GOREN BRIDGE

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SEEKING SPOTS BEFORE HIS EYES

Both vulnerable. South deals.
NORTH
♦ 643
♥ AK 64
♦ AK J 84
♦ Q 5

WEST EAST
♦ AK Q 9 8 ♦ 10 7 5
♥ J 9 5 3 ♥ 2
♦ 7 3 ♦ 9 6 2
♦ K 9 ♦ 10 8 7 6 3 2

SOUTH
♦ J 2
♥ AQ 10 8 7
♦ Q 10 5
♦ A J 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♦ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♠.

There are many card combinations we recognize and tend to play automatically. That can be an expensive pastime.

The bidding was normal. West's one-level overall is beyond reproach and North certainly had the values to introduce his suit at the two-level. The final contract was eminently sound.

West attacked with three rounds of spades, declarer ruffing the last. Since West was long in spades, it seemed likely that he would be the one to be short in hearts. So declarer continued with the ace of hearts and a heart to the king. That would have

allowed him to pick up the trump suit via a finesse had East started with four to the jack. Unfortunately, it was West who held the four trumps, and the contract could no longer be made. He had to rely on the club finesse, and when that lost

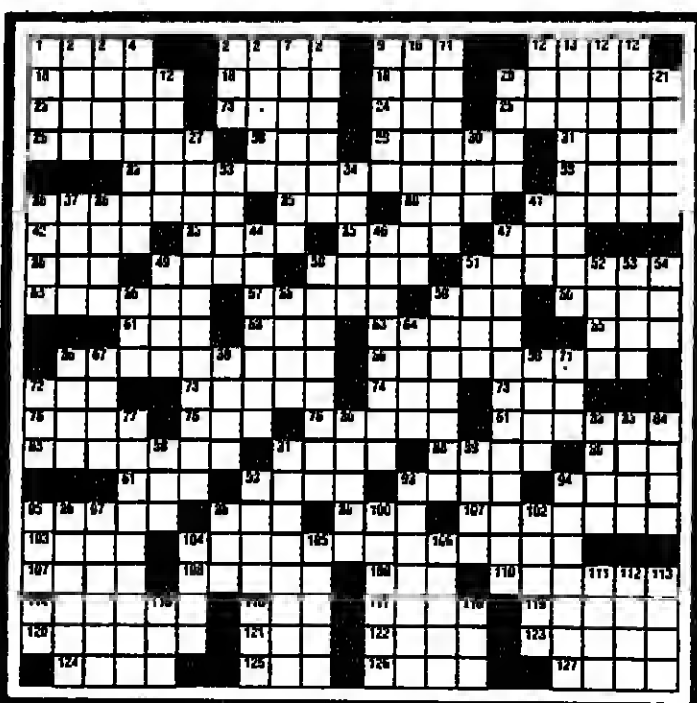
declarer still had to concede a trump trick for down one. Had South's ten of trumps been a low card instead, he would probably have spotted the winning line. South can afford to lose a trump trick in addition to two spades as long as he can bring in the diamond suit.

With that in mind, there is a simple way to handle the trump situation. Declarer should cash the ace-queen of hearts. If both defenders follow, declarer draws the last trump and then runs five diamond tricks and the ace of clubs to score an overtrick.

When East shows out on the second trump, declarer abandons that suit and starts to run the diamonds immediately, stuffing clubs from his hand should West refuse to ruff. West can ruff whenever he pleases, but he cannot harm declarer. South can win any return the ruffs a spade in hand, draw the last trump by crossing to the king and at the same time provide himself with the entry to dummy to cash the remaining diamonds to dispose of his club losers.

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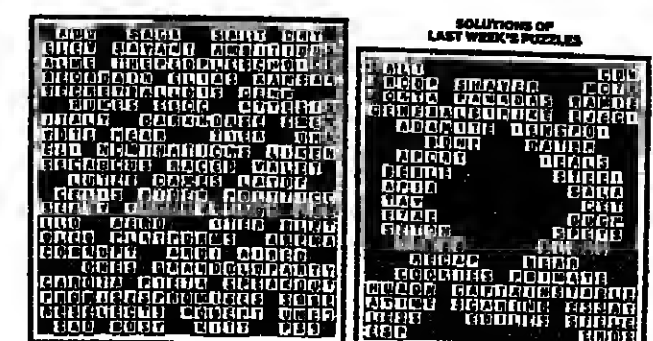


Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Vain persons often fail to allow sweet reason to prevail.
2. Tough hockey players hit every puck like goalie's gloved hand.
3. Big bad wolf went after Little Red Riding Hood. Did he get her? Not.
4. Foxy boxer uses proxy for sparring, saves self to give all in real bout.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. DEEP HEPDJREGHY PERCH KDPNHYWY EH
OJW QPEGHY CH SNOW KDPCHQ RSCINPY.
—By Lois H. Jones
2. YDFELY OCIPCLD YKA JRM BREATES PBYP
JAMSY YEEKROAG GKHUD LTV UCDA
MASIRLA KASCAT.
—By Ed Haddesen
3. JIDY HAAPDYEE GDLDE NAAC OYP ENAJJE.
JUWLDPYDEE WDOEDE OYP JUCIDNE.
—By India M. Sperry
4. AJCFK AJUUFH CJDDEK BFATK BHAHVFD VB
AVJK JEX EBJDGIJTE HGEIUTE EVDI.
—By Earl Ireland



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